



The Learning Centre submitted this photo of the enthusiastic volunteer staff working hard to have their venue a success as part of the Craft Fair. (Submitted by Learning Centre)

## Wentworth Christmas Craft Fair Very Successful

By Hope Bridgewater

The 27th annual Christmas Craft Fair was held at five venues in Wentworth on Saturday, November 18, 9 am to 3 pm at: Wentworth Recreation Centre, Wentworth Learning Centre, Old Valley Schoolhouse, Baptist Church, and United Church.

County Councillor for District 6, Barbara Palmer started in August coordinating the Fair with the help of the five venues. Councillor Palmer said, "As the organizer of this event, I was pleased with the support received from each venue and the number of people who took part in the Fair. People came from all over to sell their items, and there was a large number of people who came to purchase and browse. As a Councillor, I am pleased with the turnout and the way everything went smoothly."

In dividing funds from the Fair, each venue keeps the money raised in their kitchen/canteen, each venue keeps the money taken in from their tables, and the entrance money is divided among the five venues according to the number of tables each has. Wentworth Recreation Centre had 45 tables with a

canteen and a menu featuring fish chowder, corn chowder, hot dogs, pulled pork, chili, spice cake with brown sugar sauce, and drinks with chair Robert McLean and volunteer staff as workers. Robert MacLean said, "Busy! Well attended! Fun times among the workers!"

Wentworth Learning Centre had 18 tables featuring a snack and drinks and general volunteer staff as workers; the Baptist Church had 6 tables, featuring tea and coffee with director Faye Langille and other volunteer staff as workers; the United Church had 10 tables featuring snacks, tea, coffee with director Marie Durancieu and other volunteer staff as workers; Old Valley Schoolhouse had 10 tables featuring snacks, tea,

coffee with director Carol Hyslop and other volunteer directors.

The many places where the craftsmen/craftswomen at the Fair came from consisted of Oxford, Economy, Halifax, Wallace, Truro, Amherst, North River, Springhill, The Falls, Debert, Hartford, Valley, Lower Onslow, Cornwall (PED), Tatamagouche, Pugwash, Dartmouth, Wittenburg, Bass River, Great Village, and, of course, Wentworth.

The one 50/50 draw had a winning audience participant, Joy Beaton. The Craft Fair was very successful. Participants owe a special thanks to Councillor Barbara Palmer for honouring craftsmen and craftswomen and for helping Wentworth volunteer workers at all five venues.



Councillor Palmer who coordinated the five venue Wentworth Christmas Craft Fair takes a moment to relax after working with volunteers at the Wentworth Community Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Annie Davison had an excellent food table at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. She enjoys making jam and jelly and especially Christmas fruit cakes. Also, she enjoys the crafts of knitting, sewing, and quilting. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



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## Recyclables Impacted by China's Sanctions

By Darlyne Proctor

"On July 18, 2017, the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China issued notice to the World Trade Organization (WTO): "By the end of 2017, China will forbid the import of 24 kinds of wastes, including plastics waste from living sources, vanadium slag, unsorted waste paper and waste textile materials. China has stated they are implementing these sanctions to improve their overall environmental state, including domestic recycling programs and resources."

[http://english.sepa.gov.cn/News\\_service/media\\_news/201707/t20170720\\_418174.shtml](http://english.sepa.gov.cn/News_service/media_news/201707/t20170720_418174.shtml)

Included in the categories of materials affected by this policy are materials captured in Colchester Materials Recovery Facility's blue bag collection program: Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) which is primarily film plastic, that is comprised of blue bags, grocery bags, food bags (bread, fruit & vegetables), and shopping bags. It is the general understanding that loads must be very clean with less than 0.3% contamination (up to 1.5% including waste) will be permitted in China.

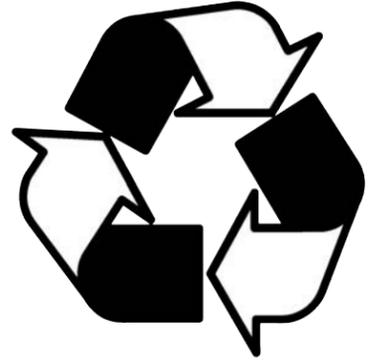
Since 1996, the quality of materials processed to be sent to market is quite high. This enabled Colchester to always be able to sell materials even through recessions and down turns in the market place. The Colchester Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) processes curbside materials from 16 municipalities.

The staff at the Colchester MRF will be continuing their high level of work but it is unknown at this time what impact the China sanctions will have on our movement of materials to market.

China receives product from all over the world and some of the materials that are shipped to them is of a very poor quality. Shipping companies have notified clients that they will stop accepting plastic and paper from Europe, United States and Asia that would be due to arrive at Chinese ports after December 31, 2017.

During this period of uncertainty, residents and businesses can assist by limiting the amount of LDPE being generated. The easiest way is to choose not to use single use shopping or grocery bags. It's time to take the reusable bags from the house and put them in your vehicle. You will be a step closer to remembering to take them into the shops. Also, continue to clean and rinse your container recyclables - this helps to keep all the film and other products in great condition to send to markets and maintaining our high quality materials.

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**New Year's Eve**  
**ON THE TOWN**  
December 31, 2017

**SPLASH & SKATE: Rath Eastlink Community Centre**  
625 Abenaki Road

- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm FREE Family Swim at the Wilsons Aquatic Centre (first 150 swimmers)
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm FREE Public Skate at the Community Credit Union Arena (first 150 skaters)
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm FREE Klimbing on the Kohler Wall
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm FREE Family Swim at the Wilsons Aquatic Centre (first 150 swimmers)

**CHILDREN'S EVENT: Douglas Street Recreation Centre**  
40 Douglas Street

- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm FREE Kids New Year's Eve Play Party: Bouncy houses, balloon animals face painting and toddler area

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- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm FREE Skating Party
- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Kitchen Party Music upstairs with Tim Bowers & Gordon Tucker
- 8:50 pm Mayor's Wish for the New Year and Countdown
- 9:00 pm **NEW TIME** Ring in the New Year with fireworks!



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